



## Janet Guttman Cohen

March 31, 1925 - September 5, 2023

SWFL has lost a philanthropic icon, Janet Guttman Cohen, 98. Preceded in death by husband Harvey and daughter Fran, Janet Cohen, turned grief into giving thus impacting thousands of lives. Janet's wit, humor, rapid personality assessments, engaging conversations, boundless energy, and so much more, coupled with her strong sense of philanthropic giving, resulted in substantial major transformative gifts impacting Southwest Florida.

Janet is survived by niece, Kym Guttman, and nephew, Scott Guttman, both of whom she helped raise following the tragic death of their father, Janet's brother Sam. Janet was predeceased by the recent death of her sister-in-law, Betsy. She also leaves behind Hillard and Cathy Cohen (brother & sister-in-law) and nephews John, William, Paul, and Geoffrey Cohen, plus many friends and caring neighbors. Along with a great team of in-home caregivers, Janet was also supported in her last week by her beloved Avow Hospice. Avow will be hosting a Celebration of Life, date and time not yet set. There will also be a service in Cincinnati.

For many years Janet's phone never stopped ringing. Her front door was almost always open for many friendly visits and journeys down memory lanes. Besides bantering, cajoling, and befriending many, Janet enjoyed helping others. Janet often shared, "I enjoy giving and appreciate that I had the means. I just want to be remembered as a decent, caring, honest woman and that I was a Brownie Scout!" In lieu of flowers, for those inclined to give in Janet's name, please consider any of her many local charities: Avow Hospice'

## Aunt Janet's House

(<https://www.classy.org/give/399367/#!/donation/checkout>), Florida Gulf Coast University (<https://www.fgcu.edu/advancement/waystogive/givenow>) ,  
Golisano Children's Hospital (<https://leehealthfoundation.org/donate-now/>),  
Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center of Southwest Florida (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E345390&id=36>) ,  
Salvation Army of Collier County's Fran Cohen Youth Center (<https://give.helpsalvationarmy.org/give/166081/#!/donation/checkout>) , and NCH Healthcare (<https://nchmd.org/philanthropy/how-to-help/tribute-memorial-gifts/>) .

# Cemetery Details

## Montgomery Cemetery - Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janet Guttman Cohen*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



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**Georgette Harrod** - September 14, 2023 at 08:33 PM